



PREScribed FIRE NOTIFICATION

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Pile burning reduces wildland fire risk

Smoke will be visible to residents of Piños Altos and Silver City next week as the Bureau of Land Management continues pile burning in the area.

Smoke will be highly visible the weeks of February 7 and 14, as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues burning slash piles in the Piños Altos area.

The 150-acre area scheduled for pile-burning is half a mile west of Piños Altos, off of NM-Highway 15. There will also be some burning a mile north of town. Both Piños Altos and Silver City will see smoke during the project.

Heaped together in the slash piles are ponderosa pine, oak, piñon and juniper limbs, which have been ageing since this fuels project started in 2001. The planned two-week effort will continue BLM's coverage of over 200 acres of piles created while reducing hazardous fuels and fire risk to the Piños Altos community. The fuels reduction project will eventually cover 1,900 acres in the surrounding area.

A crew of eight people from the Taos and Farmington BLM Field Offices will work with one engine to carry out the prescribed burn. The BLM will notify local State and federal fire agencies and the Sheriffs Office on all days that burning is conducted. Please feel free to contact the BLM or local fire departments with any questions or concerns about smoke in the area.

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